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Dear Members of the FCC:

These comments are written in reply to those individuals who are trying to prevent Low Power FM radio from expanding into communities across America. After reading many of the filings on the docket, it became clear to me that consumers of the K-Love/Air One radio service were concerned that the expansion of LPFM would impact their ability to enjoy positive, alternative broadcasts.

Low Power FM Radio is designed to allow community churches, schools, chambers of commerce, and other not-for-profit groups to broadcast to their local communities. I believe that news, music, opinions, and public affairs in my local community are much more relevant to me and to my children than the broadcasts of a syndicated Christian music service running on autopilot from a transmitter in my town that frequently drown out our local community LPFM station. Our town already has a multitude of Clear Channel and Christian stations that are difficult to escape since they are even broadcast into many of the commercial establishments in our town. Worse yet, when I attempt to escape these stations by turning to my short-wave radio, I find that the only stations that I can get clearly are those endlessly broadcasting Christian money appeals, services and music. I frankly cannot believe how these broadcasters can claim to be threatened by LPFM stations

I understand why consumers all across the United States have filed comments with the Commission, asking them to defend broadcasting like K-Love. They want to hear an alternative to the overly commercial, frequently offensive programming put out by broadcasters like Clear Channel and Viacom. I would encourage the FCC to take note of the comments put out by the Prometheus Radio Project on the subject of translator stations, which say, in part:

"We believe that translators should have a secondary status with regard to locally based Low Power stations if a bona fide local organization wants to use a channel for real, new, local broadcasting, they should not be pre-empted by a repeater. The licensing system as it stands gives preference to remote, out of state organizations looking to rebroadcast on thousands of channels nationwide, rather than to local entities who want just one community radio station."

We currently have a struggling all-volunteer LPFM station in our University community. It is truly wonderful experience to turn on this station and listen to the diverse voice of our community (when it is not drowned out by more powerful commercial signals). This is the one place in our town that the African-American members of our community have a presence that can be shared by all members of the community. Furthermore, the station provides a broad representation of the many cultures of the international students that have come from around the world to study in our small Midwestern city. The station carries local news and sports events that would otherwise be unavailable, as well as a

great variety of music and art programming. By tuning into this station one can truly hear the many voices of our community. It is a breath of fresh air on a spectrum otherwise filled with loud, offensive commercialism, or endless, droning proselytizing.

Please expand LPFM, and allow my community and others to continue to have a real choice of broadcasting.

Thank you.

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